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SUBJECT: FUEL SITUATION IN CHAD

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1. CHAD HAS BEGUN TO FEEL FUEL SHORTAGES CAUSED IN PART BY CONGO (B) NATIONALIZATION BUT MOSTLY BECAUSE OF DECLINING DELIVERIES THROUGH NIGERIA. GOC IS PRESSING OIL COMPANIES TO REPLENISH STOCKS OF ARMED FORCES URGENTLY. MILITARY UNITS ARE BECOMING INOPERATIONAL BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY LOW RESERVES OR COMPLETE ABSENCE FUEL SUPPLIES. PROBLEM IS COMPOUNDED FOR OIL COMPANIES BY GOC ARREARAGES IN PAYMENTS AND THEIR RELUCTANCE TO COMMIT LIMITED SUPPLIES TO OFFICIALS USERS. GOC IMMEDIATE NEED IS FOR SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND LITERS FOR ARMY PLUS
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UNCERTAIN AMOUNT FOR CHADIAN SECURITY COMPANY AND AIR

FORCE. COMPANIES ARE PROPOSING TO REDUCE GOC DEMAND AND SHARE SUPPLY RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THEM.

2. ALTHOUGH SHORTAGE IN SOUTH OF COUNTRY IS MOST ACUTE, IT APPEARS PROBLEM WILL BE MOST EASILY SOLVED. NATIONALIZED CONGOLESE COMPANY HAS NOW OFFICIALLY INFORMED DISTRIBUTORS IN CHAD THAT IT IS RESTORING FULL DELIVERIES TO THEM. BECAUSE THESE SUPPLIES PASS THROUGH CAR IN TRANSIT, GOCAR HAS NO CONTROL OVER THEM AND MAY NOT PREEMPT FOR ITS OWN USE. SOUTHERN CHAD IS SUPPLIED ONLY FROM CAR AND NOT THROUGH N'DJAMENA. CONGO (B) COMMITMENT SHOULD RELIEVE SHORTAGE SITUATION ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

3. CAR SITUATION IS MORE COMPLEX AND LESS EASILY TREATED. IT ALSO HAS FALLOUT PROBLEMS FOR CHAD; FOR EXAMPLE, GOCAR LIMITATION TO FOUR THOUSAND LITERS OF FUEL FOR ANY AIRCRAFT LANDING BANGUI MEANS THAT DEMANDS ON N'DJAMENA SUPPLIERS GO UP PROPORTIONATELY. HOWEVER, ESSO, WHICH SUPPLIES UTA, HAS NOW RECEIVED ORDERS STRICTLY FORBIDDING IT FROM SUPPLYING ANY OTHER AIRCRAFT OR AIRLINE. SHELL AND MOBIL, WHO SUPPLY TO AIR AFRIQUE, ARE PRESUMED TO HAVE SIMILAR RESTRICTION. ALL THESE COMPANIES, HOWEVER, CAN MAKE MINOR EXCEPTIONS SUCH AS REFUELING A SINGLE AIRCRAFT ON A ONE-TIME BASIS. GERMAN AIRCRAFT, HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH COMPLETING REQUIREMENTS FOR FERRYING TROOPS FROM SENEGAL AND GHANA TO THE MIDDLE EAST, HAD TO CURTAIL INTRA-CHADIAN GRAIN DELIVERIES BECAUSE OF LACK OF FUEL.

4. AS IN MOST OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ON CHAD'S FUEL FRONT WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING ARAB POLICIES TO LIMIT PRODUCTION. MOST OF CHAD'S SUPPLY COMES FROM VENEZUELA THROUGH NIGERIA BUT AVAILABILITIES ARE LIMITED BECAUSE OF OTHER HIGH DEMANDS FOR VENEZUELAN OIL AND THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE RELIEF IN SIGHT FOR THIS SITUATION.

5. CONOCO AND PARKER DRILLING COMPANY HAVE ASSURED THE EMBASSY CATEGORICALLY THAT THEY HAVE NO DOUBTS WHATEVER THAT THE DRILLING OPERATION AT DOBA WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES OF FUEL. THEY IMPLY, BUT DO NOT SAY, THAT IF NECESSARY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUEL SUPPLIES WILL BE FLOWN TO DOBA FROM WHATEVER SOURCE MIGHT BE NECESSARY.

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